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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) is a United States patent application entitled TEXT MINING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING FEATURES OF DOCUMENTS in the name of the following inventor(s): Ruck Thawonmas, Akio Sakamoto, Shinji Mizobuchi, and Masutatsu Yoshioka.

Enclosed are the following:

- A specification, claims, abstract, and cover page in total comprising fifty-two (52) pages.
- Twelve (12) sheets of drawings.
- A joint signature Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- An Assignment conveying the invention to SSR Co., Ltd. and Kochi University of Technology, including a Form PTO 1595 recordation cover sheet.
- A Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27.
- The present application claims entitlement to Small Entity Status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27

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